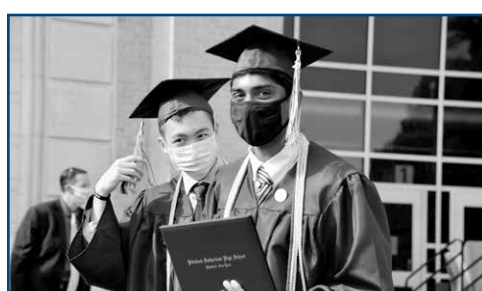


# Budget Development

TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	Approved 2020-2021	Proposed 2021-2022	\$ Change	% Change
Elementary, Middle and High School Programs	\$55,378,599	\$56,005,034	\$626,435	1.13%
Special Education and Non-Public Programs	\$10,482,244	\$11,001,348	\$519,104	4.95%
Technology, Professional Development & other Instructional Services	\$4,204,674	\$4,188,710	-\$15,964	-0.38%
Transportation, Maintenance, Utilities, and other Support Services	\$16,544,550	\$16,720,050	\$175,500	1.06%
Central Administration and Board of Education	\$446,143	\$498,198	\$52,055	11.67%
Debt Service, Insurance and Fringe Benefits	\$53,271,962	\$55,512,208	\$2,240,246	4.21%
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$140,328,172</b>	<b>\$143,925,548</b>	<b>\$3,597,376</b>	<b>2.56%</b>



# Estimated Revenues

Description	2020-2021 Revenues	Estimated 2021-2022 Revenues	\$ Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)	% of Total Budget
Local Property Tax Levy	\$107,023,924	\$109,113,596	\$2,089,672	1.95%	75.81%
Foundation Aid	\$9,172,942	\$11,310,955	\$2,138,013	23.31%	7.86%
Categorical Aid & Building Aid	\$14,138,054	\$14,119,998	-\$18,056	-0.13%	9.81%
Sales Tax	\$5,275,115	\$5,624,016	\$348,901	6.61%	3.91%
Interest	\$75,000	\$50,000	-\$25,000	-33.33%	0.03%
Misc. Revenues (incl. county payments in lieu of tax)	\$1,671,230	\$1,365,237	-\$305,993	-18.31%	0.95%
Fund Balance & Reserves	\$2,971,907	\$2,341,746	-\$630,161	-21.20%	1.63%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$140,328,172</b>	<b>\$143,925,548</b>	<b>\$3,597,376</b>	<b>2.56%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



## Preserves Programs and Services

The adopted PCSD 2021-2022 budget is within the property tax cap and provides for a full-time, in-person learning program for kindergarten through 12th grade students. The proposed program and accompanying budget preserves programs and services and plans for an increased need for transitional services to address potential learning loss and social emotional services.

Following one-and-a-half school years of working in temporary learning models, we anticipate that our K-12 program will open fully in September and that students will require many transition services. These transition services will address social/emotional needs given the isolation experienced during the pandemic as well as academic needs to address any learning gaps.

### Within Property Tax Cap of 1.95%

The property tax cap for PCSD is at 1.95% as calculated by New York State's Property Tax Levy Formula. The tax cap is commonly referred to as the "2% Tax Cap" because the law limits one factor of a complex formula to 2% or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. However, the maximum tax levy limit may be higher or lower than 2% depending on each school district's allowable adjustments and exemptions. As you can see, PCSD's property tax cap this year is below 2%.

## Foundation Aid Increase following years of Advocacy

New York State (NYS) has consistently underfunded PCSD in the area of Foundation Aid over the past 15 years by as much as 52%. Board of Education members, administrators, parents and residents have continuously advocated for NYS to fund PCSD, and other districts, as the law provides for its portion of Foundation Aid. This is the year that the NYS Legislation took some action to provide a more equitable distribution of tax dollars to school districts. For 2021-22, NYS promised PCSD to fund foundation aid at 60% of the legally required annual Foundation Aid, compared to the current 54%. This supplement of aid of \$2.1 million permitted the District to decrease the reliance on Fund Balance (legally restricted savings) that was previously required to balance the budget, thereby promoting fiscal sustainability and tax stabilization further into the future.

### US Federal Stimulus Funds

Outside of the State aid, the District will receive stimulus funds from the US Federal government for Covid-19 relief and recovery. These funds are a one-time grant to be used over three years and cannot be used to support the General Fund Budget. PCSD anticipates receiving \$6.6 million in relief funds that are required to be used for specific relief purposes.

## Please Note COVID-19 Protocols at the Polls

- 6 feet of social distancing. This may result in a line forming outside. Please plan accordingly for weather.
- Masks must be worn.
- Self screen for COVID-19 symptoms.
- For absentee ballot information, please visit [www.pittsfordschools.org/absenteeballot](http://www.pittsfordschools.org/absenteeballot).

## Contingent Budget

Per NYS law, school boards can submit a budget to the voters a maximum of two times, then a "Contingent Budget" must be implemented. If the proposed budget is defeated once, the Board may conduct a revote or go straight to a Contingent Budget. NYS law requires that a Contingent Budget not include certain non-ordinary contingent expenses AND that the new budget must have a Tax Levy that is not greater than the previous year's Tax Levy. The Board of Education is charged with determining a Contingent Budget. A Contingent Budget would result in an almost \$2.1 million reduction in budget support, resulting in a potential reduction in programs and services.

Visit [www.pittsfordschools.org/2021-2022BudgetUpdate](http://www.pittsfordschools.org/2021-2022BudgetUpdate) to view additional information on the proposed 2021-22 proposed budget.

# Pittsford Schools

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## BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 18, 7 am - 9 pm  
Barker Road Middle School  
75 Barker Road

**Superintendent of Schools**  
Michael Pero

**Board of Education**  
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Valerie Baum  
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René Sanchez-Kazacos  
Robin Scott  
Peter Sullivan

**Editor**  
Nancy Chaput Wayman, APR

**\*Note - Qualified voters must be:** U.S. citizens, residents of the District for at least 30 days prior to the election, and 18 years of age or older. Proof of residency may include the following valid and current documents: New York State driver's license; New York State non-driver identification card; utility bill; or, voter registration card. Voters shall also be required to provide their signature and printed name. COVID-19 health protocols will be followed.

# Budget Vote

# Pittsford Schools

# May 18, 2021

2021-22 Budget Vote  
Tuesday, May 18, 2021  
7 am - 9 pm

**Barker Road Middle School  
Gymnasium  
75 Barker Road**

*Voter Identification Required\**



- Voting will be in person and COVID-19 protocols will be followed
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# Maintaining Excellence

Composite SAT

PCSD	1,253
New York State	1,058
National	1,051

**97%**  
Graduation Rate

Composite ACT

PCSD	27.5
New York State	24.9
National	20.6

**94%**  
College-bound students

**401**  
Advanced Placement Scholars

The Pittsford Central School District and its individual schools consistently provide a **nationally ranked academic program** and are recognized to be among the highest achieving in New York State and Monroe County.

## Notable Achievements and Activities

- Both high schools: ranked in top 2% of public high schools nationwide by **U.S. News and World Report**.
- Both middle schools named: **New York State's Essential Elements: Schools-to-Watch**.
- **Best Community for Music Education** designation by the NAMM Foundation for demonstrating a commitment to music education.
- Athletic achievements include three team **State Championships**, 11 team **Sectional Championships**, and multiple individual Sectional and State Titles.
- Students at all grade levels—K through 12—participate in many community services and service learning programs.
- Students participate in enrichment opportunities including:
  - internships
  - clubs
  - intramurals
  - music
  - fine arts
  - performing arts
  - interscholastic sports

**National Merit Scholarship**  
**16** Finalists  
**27** Commended



Data based on 2019-2020 statistics.

# Voting on:

**\$143,925,548**

## Proposed Budget

The proposed budget is within the NYS Tax Cap and preserves current programming.

**Within the Tax Cap**

**Budget Increase 2.56%**

**Tax Levy Increase 1.95%**

## Propositions

### Proposition 1 - Purchase of Buses

Authorization to withdraw from the "Capital Reserve Fund – Purchase of Buses" (savings account) a sum of \$1,388,661 to be used for the purchase of 12 replacement buses. Using reserves for this purchase will generate approximately \$930,000 in State Aid to replenish the Reserve.

**Propositions will NOT result in additional taxes or issuance of debt**

### Proposition 2 – Facilities Mini Capital Project

Authorization to withdraw from the "2007/2011 General Capital Reserve Fund" (savings account) a total sum not to exceed \$6,000,000 to perform renovation and repair projects to enhance health and safety, efficiency and preservation of facilities, including: installation of emergency generators at Transportation/Maintenance Building, Mendon High, Thornell Road Elementary; installation of LED lighting at various school buildings; replacement and remediation of windows and boiler at the Lomb Building; upgrade of heat, ventilation and related systems at Mendon High and Sutherland High; partial roof replacement and restoration at Mendon Center Elementary and Mendon High; plumbing improvements at Allen Creek Elementary; public address system upgrade at Sutherland High; and other incidental work associated with said projects.

### Proposition 3 – Establish Replacement Capital Reserve

Authorization to establish a "2021 Capital Project Reserve Fund" (pursuant to Education Law Section 3651) and authorization to transfer all funds remaining in the "2007/2011 General Capital Reserve Fund" to the "2021 Building Capital Reserve Fund" for the purpose of financing construction, reconstruction, additions, alterations, renovations or other improvements to PCSD buildings and facilities, site improvements, and the acquisition of and incidental costs; with the ultimate amount of such reserve fund not exceeding \$42,000,000 plus any accrued earnings on amounts deposited in such reserve fund, for a maximum life of ten years.

### Proposition 4 - Capital Reserve Fund - Instructional Technology

Authorization to withdraw from the "Capital Reserve Fund – Instructional Technology" (savings account) a sum of \$875,000 to be used for the purchase of student technology devices (laptop computers, iPads and related software, supplies and infrastructure) to supplement a 1:1 student technology learning program and replace beyond-useful life devices, used in the grades six through nine instructional program.

# Proposed Budget Expenditures

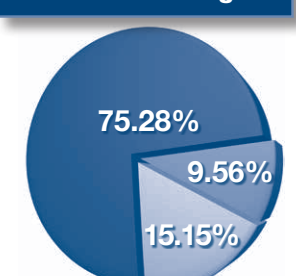
State-required three-part budget

2021 - 2022

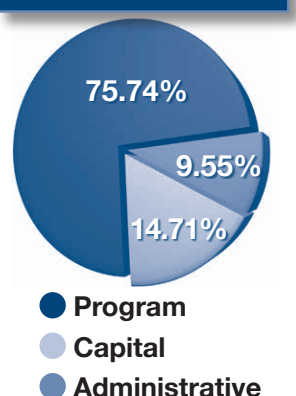
**TOTAL BUDGET**

**\$143,925,548**

**Current 2020-2021 Three-Part Budget**



**Proposed 2021-2022 Three-Part Budget**



**9.55%** of budget  
**Administrative Component**  
**\$13,741,922**

The Administrative Component provides for overall general support and management activities including:

- District Clerk and Superintendent's office
- Business office operations
- Personnel, legal, liability and property insurance
- Auditing services
- Costs for the administration and supervision of each of the District's nine schools
- Employee benefits for all administrative and clerical support staff including social security, workers' compensation, pensions, health insurance and unemployment

**75.74%** of budget  
**Program Component**  
**\$109,015,010**

The Program Component provides funding for the instruction of and educational support services for the District's students. Funds are also included for:

- Transporting approximately 6,500 students
- Salary expenditures for instructional staff
- Related support personnel in K-12 programs
- Programs for Special Education services
- Benefits for approximately 1,100 instructional employees, including over 600 retirees in group health insurance
- Social security, teacher and non-teaching retirement
- Workers' compensation, group insurance (life, health, dental, disability), employee assistance program and unemployment insurance

**14.71%** of budget  
**Capital Component**  
**\$21,168,616**

The Capital Component provides funds for:

- Maintaining nine schools and two additional buildings
- Upkeep of over 70 acres of property
- Electricity, gas heat, water and sewer, and telephone services
- "Mortgage" or debt service payments on capital projects (principal and interest payments)
- Refund of taxes for claims against property assessments
- Benefits for maintenance and custodial staff including group health insurance, social security, non-teaching retirement, workers' compensation, life, dental, disability and an employee assistance program

## Board Proposed Budget

The Pittsford Board of Education presents the proposed 2021-2022 budget. We invite PCSD residents to call with questions and vote on May 18, 2021.

- Amy J. Thomas**  
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- Irene Narotsky**  
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- René Sanchez-Kazacos**  
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For biographies of Board of Education candidates, please visit [www.pittsfordschools.org/2021-2022BudgetUpdate](http://www.pittsfordschools.org/2021-2022BudgetUpdate)